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H.R. No. 1562

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 22, 2015, the members of Highland Park
2 United Methodist Church began a year-long celebration leading up to
3 its centennial; and

4 WHEREAS, The church traces its origins to the founding of
5 Southern Methodist University, and it was briefly known as
6 University Church; the first services were held on the SMU campus in
7 February 1916, and within months, Methodist families attending
8 other Highland Park churches agreed to transfer their membership;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1917, a temporary building known affectionately
11 as "the Little Brown Church" was constructed; it was replaced in
12 1927 by a splendid Gothic cathedral; the congregation has continued
13 to grow and flourish, and in 2011, it renovated the historic Munger
14 Place Church in East Dallas to serve as a satellite campus; and

15 WHEREAS, Highland Park United Methodist Church today has a
16 membership of more than 15,000; since its inception, the house of
17 worship has benefited from the dedicated efforts of 11 outstanding
18 clergymen, including its current senior pastor, Paul Rasmussen; and

19 WHEREAS, Countless area residents have looked to Highland
20 Park United Methodist Church for spiritual enrichment and guidance
21 through the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the
22 church at this special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize Highland Park United Methodist Church
2 as it approaches its centennial and extend to its members and clergy
3 sincere best wishes for a memorable celebration; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.